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FILED ANNUAL REPORT

Ten of Twelve Trust Companies in Nebraska Have Filed Annual Report with the State Auditor

Lincoln, Nebr., Aug. 3.—Ten of the twelve trust companies in Nebraska have filed with State Auditor Wm. H. Smith the annual report required by law, for the year ended June 30. These ten show:

Capital stock \$1,355,412.50
Reserves 4,229,606.27
Surplus and undivided profits 225,337.60

The Farmer's Loan and Investment Company of Lincoln is the first of its kind to make application for charter under the provisions of House Roll No. 44, enacted by the last legislature. The fee of \$60 has been paid to Secretary of State Pool and upon filing of bond for \$2,000, license will issue. Under guise of brokerage fees, etc., this law permits as high as 34 per cent interest. A large number of Omaha concerns have paid no attention to the law, and may be subjected to penalty.

That the Democratic administration of Nebraska is highly satisfactory to the people of the state is shown by the many letters coming to the state house from the taxpayers of the state who express themselves as greatly gratified by the efficiency and economy now being practiced in the management of state affairs. The business-like policy of Governor Morehead; the splendid business management of the "state board of control" under Judge Holcomb and Henry Gerdes; the activity of Attorney General Reed in looking after the state's legal affairs; the painstaking, economical management of the auditor's office by William H. Smith; the careful, abiding and splendid management of the secretary of state's office by Charles W. Pool, and the capable, economical, conscientious work of George E. Hall in the treasurer's department elicit from the taxpayers of the state words of commendation well deserved. The people of Nebraska made no mistake when they elected the gentlemen to the offices which they are now filling.

If Secretary of State Pool is successful in a tit he has initiated with the Rock Island railroad over payment of its corporation tax for the year 1915, he will earn his salary for one year; but whether or not this affair results in the state's favor he has accomplished the feat in other directions. Payments of other corporations, which under former secretaries of state were put at a low rate, under Mr. Pool have been made to pay their full share. The Rock Island wants to pay, as it always has, on a capitalization requiring a \$550 fee. Secretary Pool wants payment on the basis of its full capitalization employed in this state. The fee, under this ruling, would be \$2,300 for the year. Rock Island attorneys and the secretary of state, after considerable correspondence in the matter, have deferred it to the executive state officials, Treasurer George E. Hall, Auditor Wm. H. Smith and Attorney General Willis E. Reed, who will settle the vexing question. Only a few days ago Secretary Pool made a big lumber corporation come through with \$550, when under former secretaries it had been let off with a \$250 fee.

LAND OFFICE NEWS

More Than One Million Acres of Land Designated for Entry under the Homestead Act During June

Secretary Lane has just announced that the activities of the Department of the Interior in the classification of public lands during the month of June have been confined practically to classifications as to irrigability under the enlarged homestead act.

During the month of June somewhat more than one million acres were designated for entry under the enlarged homestead act. Two of the states to which the act was extended during the last session of congress, namely, Kansas and South Dakota, were beneficiaries of the designations made during June. About 37,000 acres were designated in Kansas and somewhat more than 50,000 acres in South Dakota. The states most affected were New Mexico with designations of 370,000 acres, Colorado, 181,000 acres, Montana, 129,000 acres, and Oregon, 120,000 acres. Arizona was affected to the extent of 61,000 acres, and in a number of other states areas of less than 50,000 acres were classified as nonirrigable and so opened to entry as double homesteads of 320 acres each.

The secretary has recently approved an order which will open to entry on September 10, 1915, under the provisions of the enlarged homestead act, approximately 120,000 acres of nonirrigable lands in the state of Washington. The areas affected by this order are located in eleven counties in the eastern part of the state, the greater part being situated in Walla Walla, Adams and Yakima counties.

The secretary has also announced that by the approval of an order of designation, more than 220,000 acres of nonirrigable lands in New Mexico will be open to entry on September 10, 1915, under the provisions of the enlarged homestead act in so far as these lands are still subject to entry thereunder. The areas

affected by this order are distributed through ten counties in the north-eastern and southern parts of the state, the greater portion being located in Sierra, Grant and Chavez counties.

Information relative to the specific areas designated and applications to enter should be addressed to the appropriate local land offices. These offices will receive in the near future lists of the specific legal subdivisions affected by this order.

Secretary Lane has received reports from the general land office showing that allotment claims of nearly six hundred Indians to lands outside of any reservation were found to be invalid, and were finally rejected during the past fiscal year, as a result of which some 90,000 acres of land were rendered subject to settlement and disposal under the public land laws.

This action was due largely to the requirement that each Indian allottee should present a certificate of the Indian office to the effect that he is an Indian entitled to an allotment under the law.

Reports have also been received from the general land office which show that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, over 2,700 patents, embracing 447,752 acres, were issued to desert land claimants as against 346,794 acres patented to desert land claimants during the fiscal year of 1914.

"SOME" OATS

It Has Been Demonstrated that Fifty Bushels to the Acre Can Be Raised in Sand Hills

Gustaf Sandoz was in Alliance the first of this week from his ranch six miles north of Ellsworth and brought with him a bunch of oats pulled at random from his 25-acre field. The oats on this field will average four feet in height. The heads are exceptionally well filled, and the grain itself is in fine shape; the stalks are almost perfect, being large and straight, with few joints. All who have inspected the field say that the average will be between 40 and 50 bushels to the acre, barring the unforeseen. This crop is being raised right in the center of the sand hills, and demonstrates beyond a doubt that oats is one of the coming crops in this section. Mr. Sandoz planted his seed May 10.

Besides the oats, Mr. Sandoz has 35 acres of alfalfa and 30 acres of corn, both of which are in almost as good shape as the oats. The second crop of alfalfa will soon be ready to cut, and now averages about two feet high over the field. It is thick and well developed, and will run between two and three tons to the acre. The corn averages five feet in height—exceptional considering the weather of the past two months—and the stalks are large and strong. Mr. Sandoz uses every up-to-date method, and studies the results of each experiment—and profits thereby. He declares that farming is just as much a business proposition as conducting a store, and he runs his farm on a business basis.

While here he placed an ad in the Herald announcing the sale of 100 head of cattle for fall delivery—and it is a dandy herd. The sale will be a private one at his ranch, the cattle to go to the highest bidder.

Who Wins?

With the range in the best possible condition together with the season's unprecedented yield of small grain and other crops in this section, will tend to incur some considerable rivalry and debate as to just who has the fattest steer, the tallest grain, the largest potatoes, the best of this and the best of that and we would suggest that a good way to determine who is entitled to the blue ribbon is to take the best you have to the Second Annual Tri-State Fair and Race Meet at Crawford, Nebr., September 9, 10 and 11.

A Word to the Wise

A state or county fair is the clearing house of the farmer, rancher and breeder and should be taken advantage of by all progressives who feel that they have something of interest to exhibit and exploit in their particular community. The Tri-State Fair and Race Meet at Crawford, Nebr., September 9, 10 and 11, will be the logical place to exhibit for northwest Nebraska, southwest South Dakota and northeast Wyoming.

Setting up Linotype

J. Carl Thomas, The Herald's efficient Intertype machinist and operator, was called to Bridgeport Wednesday afternoon to complete the installation of the new linotype for the News-Blade. Mr. Wilcox is rapidly modernizing his shop at Bridgeport and will soon be able to handle all kinds of work. Al Sneider, formerly of Alliance, will operate the new machine.

Visiting in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Calif., August 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Davis were visitors last Friday at the big exhibit of California products maintained in Los Angeles by the Chamber of Commerce. They also attended the lectures with moving pictures that are given daily.

WARSAW FALLS

London, August 5.—Special to The Alliance Herald by United Press.—Warsaw was captured by the Germans this morning. After having tried for three weeks to force the Russians to evacuate Warsaw and the Polish salient by encircling movements from the north and pressure from the west, the Austro-Germans have captured Warsaw. Attacks were started yesterday on the fortresses of the capital and those of Louza and Ostrolenka, to the northeast, and Ivanograd to the southeast. The Russian armies are believed to have made their escape intact.

MAY INTERVENE IN MEXICO

Washington, August 5.—Intervention in Mexico is expected soon. It is the opinion here that the conference held today between the representatives of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala and the United States would result in the approval of a plan to send General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, to Mexico with plenary powers. The first step will probably be the issuance of a final appeal to the warring Mexican leaders to end their troubles. The refusal of any leader will probably result in an arms embargo against that leader. Unusual activity in the war and navy departments was evident today and an order was given for a battery of the Fifth field artillery to proceed to El Paso.

HOBO ASSAULTED

Throat Cut in Two Places and Body Lacerated—Removed to Hospital and 40 Stitches Taken

A man giving the name of Dan Wilson was murderously assaulted by his two companions near the "Y" in the Burlington yards yesterday evening about 8 o'clock, and is now confined in the hospital. The doctor says he has an even chance for recovery.

Wilson was unable, this morning, to give a coherent account of the affair. As near as can be ascertained from what the officer found, Wilson and his two companions had been drinking heavily, there being a quantity of alcohol and a keg of beer near the place where the assault occurred. An argument had evidently been started, the result of which was that two men were against one. The first intimation Night Officer Kish received of the affair was when Mrs. Sward phoned to town that she could see three men fighting near the track, and a short distance from her house. Officer Kish secured J. L. Nicholai with his automobile and they started for the scene. Before arriving, the automobile ran into some mud and, not having chains, remained there. The officer continued on foot with Phil Thomas, who had been deputized. When they arrived they found Wilson covered with some weeds and unconscious. The two men were near, and were promptly arrested, and after putting up a stiff fight with the officer were brought to the county jail. A third man escaped. Two other hoboes were picked up shortly afterward and are being held in the city jail pending an investigation.

The two men who are accused of the crime wore clothes well spattered with blood, and in their pockets were found the blood stained knives. It was evident that they had made an effort to remove the blood stain with water, but had only partly succeeded. One man had evidently stamped Wilson with his heel, as it was also covered with blood.

These men were seen in various parts of town Wednesday soliciting umbrellas for repairing, and during the afternoon sat in front of the laundry while they worked.

Wilson said that he had been working in packing houses for the past several years, and that he had worked in Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and St. Joe, his last place of abode being Kansas City. His throat is cut in two places, one cut extending from behind his ear to a point about a half-inch from his windpipe. Both his lips were cut nearly through and there were a number of cuts on his head. Nearly forty stitches were taken by the attending physician. His arms are covered with ulcerated sores, and on one are many scars, probably received in former encounters.

He was in the residence part of town during the day exhibiting the sore arms and soliciting alms on the strength of this. On his person were found a number of cards bearing printed solicitations, and several housewives remembered his visits.

After Mr. Nicholai's car became mired, word was sent to John Snyder who hitched a team to one of his dray wagons an after releasing the Nicholai car, brought Wilson to the hospital on the rear of the wagon. It was at first thought Wilson could live only an hour or two. If he recovers from his cuts and bruises and from his drunken stupor this afternoon, the facts of the matter will probably be made public then.

Making Extensive Improvements

C. L. Drake, proprietor of the Hotel Drake, announces that he is making extensive improvements at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The improvements will include the installation of two additional bath rooms and the placing of hot and cold water fixtures in every room.

Announce Marriage of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Weidenhamer this week announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mabel, to Mr. R. V. Andrews, which event will occur Friday, August 20, at the home of the bride's parents, at 807 Cheyenne.

HIGH-TESTING CREAM

There Are Advantages for Both the Farmer and the Creamery in Handling This Kind

The average fat content of cream delivered to many creameries is approximately 25 per cent. This means that, in some instances, the test is above and in others below this average. It is evident that many creamery managers, as well as many farmers, do not understand the loss involved in handling this cream.

Cream testing 30 to 35 per cent is the most satisfactory to the farmer and to the creamery man. A comparison of low-testing with high-testing cream reveals, for the high-testing cream, these advantages:

(1) Less bulk to handle, hence less labor, fewer churnings, smaller equipment and building.
(2) Less buttermilk, hence less loss of fat in buttermilk.
(3) Less cost to pasteurize, about one-half as much steam being required per 100 pounds of fat in 34 per cent cream as in 17 per cent cream as much in 33 per cent as in 22 per cent cream. In cooling the cream less water or brine is required for the handling of the same amount of fat when the cream is rich than when it is thin.

(4) In pasteurizing sour cream, the formation of large curd particles, with the attendant loss of butter fat, is avoided to a great extent if the cream contains more than 30 per cent fat.

(5) To the farmer—
(1) Less bulk to handle, hence fewer cans and smaller cooling tank required. Fifty pounds of 34 per cent cream and 100 pounds of 17 per cent cream both contain the same number of pounds of fat.

(2) Less water required; quicker cooling, hence less deterioration. Cream spoils in a short time if not cooled quickly and held at a temperature below 50 degrees F.

(3) Less bulk to haul to creamery.

(4) Better keeping qualities of the cream. It is not the fat but the other solids in the cream which become sour and spoil. As thin cream contains more of these solids it sours sooner than thick cream.

(5) More skimmed milk kept on the farm. The farmer who delivers 100 pounds of fat in 17 per cent cream delivers 294 pounds of skimmed milk more than if he delivered 34 per cent cream. Unless the buttermilk is returned free this is a dead loss to him. At 25 cents a hundred pounds it amounts to nearly 75 cents or three-fourths of a cent on each pound of butter fat delivered.

Farmers sometimes offer the following objections to high-testing cream: (1) Thick cream may stick to the can and be a loss to the farmer; (2) improper samples may be taken because of insufficient mixing; (3) a high test is more likely to be cut than a low one. In a properly operated factory, however, these objections do not hold good, and the creamery man who would have his patrons deliver rich cream will manage the plant so efficiently that there will be no grounds upon which to base such objections.

OBSERVATION TOUR

Junior Agricultural Observation Tour Will Be Held in Box Butte County Next Monday

A Junior Agricultural Observation Tour will be held in Box Butte county, Monday, August 9. If the roads are impassable, the trip will be postponed to the next day.

The purpose of this trip is to have the boys come together, to create interest in agriculture, and to give them instruction on some phases of agriculture in their county. All boys of the ages of 15 and 21 are asked to attend. The start will be made from Alliance at 1:30. This will enable all boys from all parts of the county to have reached Alliance by this time.

A report of the trip will be required by each of the boys. It is this report that shows the boys' ability to observe closely, and make a good report of the same. Reports are to be submitted before Saturday, 10 o'clock. Reports are to be sent to State Historical Society whose name will be on the report just before the boys start on the trip.

The boys will be divided into two divisions when it comes for judging the reports. Those boys living in districts No. 6 and 18 will represent the town schools, while all boys living in the other districts of the county will represent the country schools.

Box Butte county is entitled to two boys at the Nebraska State Fair boys' school encampment, September 4-10. One boy to represent the town and one the country schools. These boys are to be selected with regard to their ability to observe and report. From these reports will be judged who is to receive the appointment from this county, to the school encampment.

Parents are urged to give the boy a chance, as conveyances will be furnished for all the boys. Further information can be secured from County Agricultural Agent Seidell or Prof. S. L. Clements.

The program for the tour is as follows:

1:30 p. m. Leave Alliance.
2:00 p. m. At the A. H. Grove farm. Alfalfa field, inoculated and uninoculated.
3:00 p. m. At the D. E. Purinton farm. Pit silo and alfalfa in rows.
4:00 p. m. At the Chas. Bauer farm. Sweet clover, alfalfa, etc.
5:15 p. m. At the L. J. Schill farm. Milking machine, stave silo, dairy barn, etc.

SUIT ON ELKS' BUILDING

Bayard Man Files Suit Against the Lodge, Business Men, Bonding Company and Contractor

Suit has been started in the district court by Gilbert Ross, of Bayard, against the Alliance lodge of Elks, the building contractor, Townsend, several Alliance business men, and the contractor's bonding company. He bases his suit on a mechanic's lien which was filed when the building was completed, for \$300 worth of sand. Townsend, the contractor, claims that it will take \$9,000 to make a settlement with him, while the lodge claims he has due, according to the contract, about \$4,000 and the lodge is ready to take care of the obligation when the price is adjusted satisfactorily. Mr. Ross claims that he holds no animosity against the Elks lodge, nor the business men, but that all the ill feeling he holds is against the contractor and the bonding company.

Owing to Townsend's disregard of their claims, several of the local men who have furnished material and labor have been compelled to file liens in order to protect themselves. No action has yet been taken by the bonding company.

MILLER CASE TOMORROW

Judge Announces Will Hear It Behind Closed Doors

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. E. K. Miller will be heard by County Judge Berry tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. The judge has announced that the public will be barred from the court room, and that only the counsel and witnesses will be allowed.

About two months ago complaint was made by Paulina Rohrbach, who was working at the Miller home 12 miles west of Alliance, that Miller had attempted to assault her. At the preliminary his counsel took a continuance of thirty days.

Miller has a small family by his first wife, but the children are now in the eastern part of the state visiting, and he is living with his second wife. As soon as the Rohrbach girl made the matter public, Mrs. Miller was rather displeased, and it is not now known whether or not she and her husband have patched up their troubles. As she is the only person who can give corroborating testimony for her husband, there is some doubt as to whether or not he can be bound over to the district court, the result resting with her. The Rohrbach girl is about 13 years old.

FINISHING CONTRACT

Mitchell, Hilliker & Simpson to Go from Alliance to Miles City and Finish on 12th of August

The inspection of horses for the use of the French army began at Alliance again this morning and will continue the balance of the week. Mitchell, Hilliker & Simpson, who have the contract and who have been operating here with the Alliance Commission Company, go from here to Miles City, Montana, and expect to finish the present contract on the 12th of the month.

The firm is now preparing to fill a new contract and inspection will probably start in again at Alliance within a short time. Announcement will be made in The Herald of the dates set for the next inspection.

P. D. Gleason and H. O. Pugh will go to Angola the first of next week to organize a sub-license company. It is not yet known whether it will connect with Bridgeport or Alliance.

CHAUTAQUA CLOSED

Best That Ever Came to Alliance—Contract Already Signed for Next Year

With a program by Hagenow's band of soloists Saturday afternoon and evening, this year's chautauqua came to a close Saturday night. Everyone had gathered at the big tent, but shortly before 8 o'clock the sky became overcast, and it was quickly decided to repair to the Phelan opera house. One selection was rendered by the band before the move was made. It was well that new quarters were secured, for the people had barely become settled in the opera house when the rain came in torrents. There was some delay in the starting of the program owing to the fact that some of the heavier instruments and paraphernalia had to be packed at the tent, transported to the opera house in a dray wagon and unpacked.

Hagenow's band was all that was claimed for them. Every member of this organization is a soloist of ability, and the band was one of the best, if not the best, that was ever heard in Alliance. Two grand opera selections were rendered by Madame Inez French-Ware, and other specialties were brass quartets and solos by the members. Prof. Hagenow is a director such as is seldom seen anywhere, and had the band under perfect control at all times; he is a director who gets every ounce of music from an organization. If this band is one of the numbers on next year's program, they cannot bring a tent large enough to seat the crowd which will attend.

Every number this year was excellent, and not a dissenting voice has been heard. While it was not the financial success that was expected, it has nevertheless given new life to the chautauqua spirit that will be manifest next year.

Saturday afternoon a contract was signed by a number of business men whereby the same system will furnish a program here next year. Some of the numbers will probably be changed, but it is safe to say, judging from this year's, that the talent will be as good or better in 1916, and that is saying a great deal.

PRISONERS ESCAPED

Two Men Made Their Getaway While Sharpening Scythes at the Light Plant

Fred Richards and Philip Lynch, two city prisoners who were working out their fines on the streets, made their getaway Tuesday while they were sharpening their scythes at the light plant. They have not yet been apprehended, and it is not probable that they will be, as they evidently lost no time in getting out of town after they had escaped from the vigilance of the officers.

Richards was working out a \$105 fine. Last Friday he was arrested when he was found on the streets in a drunken condition, insulting ladies, and otherwise making himself disagreeable and a nuisance. He had done his work all right until Tuesday when he tired of such strenuous work and was appalled by the number of days work he would have to perform in order to get the fine paid off.

Lynch would soon have had his fine paid, anyway, as it was only \$5 and costs. In making his escape Lynch lost a perfectly good coat and hat, and he has not yet appeared to claim them. He was arrested Monday. But three prisoners are now working out their fines by street work. Their names are Fisher, Dailey and Patterson, and each has a ten dollar charge against him for getting too full of firewater.

BIG CATTLE SALE

B. E. Johnson and H. A. Allison of Hemingford Will Sell 134 Head of Cattle on August 10th

One of the largest cattle sales held in the county for a long time will take place at Hemingford Tuesday, August 10, when B. E. Johnson and H. A. Allison will offer 134 head. There are 35 cows and 50 two-year-old heifers in the bunch. Their ad in this paper describes the bunch.

A free lunch will be served at 11:30 o'clock. These cattle are high grade stuff.

Mutuals in Hard Places

Fred Mollring, the insurance man, member of the firm of Snoddy & Mollring, stated to a Herald reporter the first of the week that the losses by hail this year all over the state are unusually large. Most of the old standard companies who carry hail insurance are paying their losses promptly but the mutuals are finding it difficult to meet their losses and there may be some farmers who will realize little on their insurance with these companies.

Going into Partnership

Walter Eaton of the Eaton Garage and J. L. Nicholai, of the Reo Garage, have formed a partnership and will henceforth operate together as the Reo Garage. The partnership became effective the first of the month.